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This is in response to your letter of 6 February 1984 in which you appeal the decision of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to deny you access to one document concerning Project OXCART.

This document was located by the Department of the Air Force (AF) in response to your 7 December 1982 Freedom of Information (FOIA) request to them for records concerning this Project and other matters. Since the document is CIA-originated, the AF referred it to us for our review and direct response to you.

Your appeal has been presented to the Central Intelligence Agency Information Review Committee. Pursuant to the authority delegated under paragraph 1900.51(a) of Chapter XIX, Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Mr. R. E. Hineman, Deputy Director for Science and Technology, has reviewed the document, the determinations made with respect to it, and the propriety of the application of the exemptions to the FOIA under which your appeal was considered. Upon the basis of that review, Mr. Hineman has determined that portions of the document, an article from "Studies in Intelligence, Volume 15, Number I, Winter 1971," must continue to be denied to you pursuant to exemptions (b) (1) and (b) (3) of the FOIA. The AF has determined that the remainder of the document must continue to be withheld in accordance with FOIA exemption (b) (1).

Exemption (b) (l) encompasses matters which are specifically authorized under criteria established by the appropriate Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and which are, in fact, currently and properly classified.

Exemption (b)(3) pertains to information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant statutes are subsection 102(d)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, 50 U.S.C. \$403(d)(3), which makes the Director of Central Intelligence responsible for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure and section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended, 50 U.S.C. \$403g, which exempts from the disclosure requirement information pertaining to the organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries, or numbers of personnel employed by the Agency.

In accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, you have the right to seek judicial review of the above determinations in a United States district court.

We regret that this response to your letter of appeal has been so long delayed and we appreciate your patience in this matter.

Sincerely,

William F. Donnelly Chairman
Information Review Committee